

MINUTES
OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF
THE VILLAGE OF FERINTOSH
IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA, HELD
WEDNESDAY 8 APRIL 2009
IN THE VILLAGE OFFICE
COMMENCING AT 7:00 PM

Present Mayor Marvin Jassman
Councillor Ron Dyck
Councillor Bernice Westfall
CAO Ray Hook

1. Order Mayor Jassman called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm.

2. Agenda

Res. 015/09 Moved by Mayor Jassman that the agenda be adopted. **Carried**

3. Previous Minutes

Res. 016/09 Moved by Mayor Jassman that the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on Wednesday, 11 March 2009, be approved. **Carried**

4. Financial Report

CAO Hook presented the Monthly Statement of Income & Expenditures for the period ending 31 March 2009.

Res. 017/09 Moved by Mayor Jassman that the financial statements be accepted as presented. **Carried**

5. Unfinished Business

- a. Unsightly Property 205 Beaver Street remains. CAO Hook to follow up with owner.
- b. Spring Clean Up – CAO Hook to confirm with Landfill Site that the Village can dispose of heavy garbage etc during May, and specifically on May 23rd, Village Clean-Up day
- c. Draft 2009 Budget (Item 1). CAO Hook to summarize discussions, amendments and decisions for the final budget meeting on April 21, 2009 at 1:00pm. MSI Operating grant dollars for 2009 were included in revised operating allocations. Approval to follow.
- d. Sustainability Planning – Town hall Meeting. Wednesday May 27th was selected as the date for a Town hall meeting to consult with the Village for feedback on the Sustainability Planning process. A rep from CDSS (Clarence Hastings) may be asked to facilitate. CAO to book the hall and send out a questionnaire in next month's newsletter.

6. Correspondence

Information Items:

- a. Update on recent CAO conferences. CAO Hook summarized the highlights of the recent LGAA conference and a recent meeting with Municipal Affairs.
- b. Update on Properties under Tax Arrears status. Our lawyers have advised that no action be taken yet on property subject to legal action, until suits settled.
- c. Update on water problems – MacQuarrie Ave. CAO Hook reported that the repairs from April 13th work can be rolled into the capital project costs.
- d. Muni Funds – this item was tabled for future meeting consideration.

- e. ATB Services. CAO Hook briefed on new services that can be made available for the Village. ATB will contact the CAO in near future to set up the Village as a Payee for electronic payment of utility and tax bills. As well, ATB will arrange for the Village to have EFT capabilities as well for tax bill installment payment plans. CAO advised that he will prepare a draft By Law for Council to approve the tax installment payment option. A further option for the Village will be direct access for MasterCard/Visa payments on site in the campground via telephone authorization. CAO will report back on costs and details once known.
- f. Proposed By Laws

7. New Business

- a. The MYCIP draft capital budget was presented and following discussion, the CAO was directed to start the process of seeking approval for this summer`s projects.

Res. 018/09 Moved by Councilor Westfall that the MYCIP Draft Capital Budget for 2009 be approved. **Carried**

- b. The United Church Water bill situation for the water leaks in January, February and March was discussed. It was decided that special one-time consideration be granted for this situation. However, Council was adamant that this consideration would not be repeated and that the Church be made aware of future liability. CAO to write a letter.

Res. 019/09 Moved by Councilor Dyck that, in consideration of the unique circumstances of the small size of the church congregation, Council has directed that the water be sold at cost for February and March. This is a one-time dispensation. Any future water leaks or high usages will be sole responsibility of the Ferintosh United Church. **Carried**

c. New Village Foreman Hire

Res. 020/09 Moved by Councilor Westfall that the CAO be authorized to hire a new Village Foreman, as required on an interim basis at a wage up to \$20/hr until a new Full time Foreman is hired. **Carried**

- d. Farmers' Festival / July 4th Parade. Council will participate in the parade. Details will be worked out closer to the day.
- e. Water Billing was discussed for Chris Cole's residence while the main water line is frozen.

Res. 021/09 Moved by Mayor Jassman to waive the water consumption charges for Chris Cole's residence until the frozen water lines are thawed and working. **Carried**

- f. A Contract for Temporary Foreman Duties (Water Operator) was discussed by Council. Until a new Foreman is hired, the Village water and sewer system will need daily checking and servicing.

Res. 021/09 Moved by Mayor Jassman that the CAO be authorized to hire Mr. Lorne Spooner on a short term contract for water system work as required until a new Village

Foreman is hired. The pay is to be negotiated up to \$20 per hour. Mr. Spooner is authorized to use Village vehicles and equipment in the performance of his duties. He will be paid up to \$20 per hr for specific tasks as directed by the CAO.

- g. Village newsletters are to be delivered to RR 1 Ferintosh addresses in future. CAO will arrange with the post office for ad mail rates.

9. In Camera Session

There was no In Camera session.

10. Adjournment

There being no further business for Council to address, Mayor Jassman adjourned the meeting at 9:32 p.m.

Approved 13 May 2009

Mayor Marvin Jassman

CAO Ray Hook